preceding crop year on the Committee. Nominations shall be made by and from handlers, or employees, representatives or agents of handlers falling within such groups. Each handler shall cast only one vote with respect to each position for which nomination is to be made. The person receiving the most votes with respect to each handler member of handler alternate member position shall be the person to be certified to the Secretary as the nominee for each such position.

- (4) Each vote cast shall be on behalf of the person voting, the person's agent, subsidiaries, affiliates, and representatives. Voting at each handler meeting shall be in person. The results of each ballot at each handler meeting shall be announced at that meeting.
- (5) Each nomination shall be certified by the Committee to the Secretary on or before April 5 immediately preceding the commencement of the term of office of the member or alternate member position for which the nomination is certified.

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#### §989.30 Selection.

The Secretary shall select producer, handler, cooperative bargaining association(s), and public members and alternate members in the number specified in 989.26, as applicable, and with the qualifications specified in §989.27. Such selections may be made from nominations certified pursuant to §989.29 or from other eligible producers, handlers, or cooperative bargaining association(s) officers or employees.

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# § 989.31 Failure to nominate.

In the event nomination for a member or alternate member position on the committee is not certified pursuant to and within the time specified in §989.29, the Secretary may select an eligible person to fill such position without regard to nomination.

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# § 989.32 Acceptance.

Each person to be selected by the Secretary as a member or as an alternate member of the Committee shall, prior to such selection, qualify by advising the Secretary that he/she agrees to serve in the position for which nominated for selection.

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#### § 989.33 Alternate members.

The alternate for a member of the committee shall act in the place and stead of such member (a) during his absence, and (b) in the event of his removal, resignation, disqualification, or death, until a successor for such member's unexpired term has been selected and has qualified.

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### § 989.34 Vacancies.

To fill any vacancy occasioned by the failure of any person selected as a member or as an alternate member of the committee to qualify, or in the event of the removal, resignation, disqualification, or death of any member or alternate member, a successor for such person's unexpired term shall be nominated and selected in the manner set forth in §§ 989.29 and 989.30, insofar as such provisions are applicable. If nomination to fill any vacancy is not filed within 40 calendar days after such vacancy occurs, the Secretary may select an eligible person to fill such vacancy without regard to nomination.

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# § 989.35 Powers.

The committee shall have the following powers:

- (a) To administer the terms and provisions of this part;
- (b) To make rules and regulations to effectuate the terms and provisions of this part;
- (c) To recommend to the Secretary amendments to this part; and
- (d) To receive, investigate, and report to the Secretary complaints of violations of this part.

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## § 989.36 Duties.

The committee shall have, among others, the following duties: